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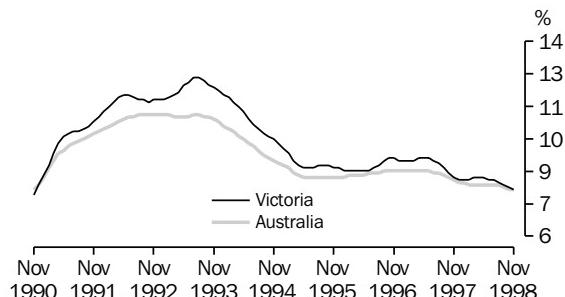
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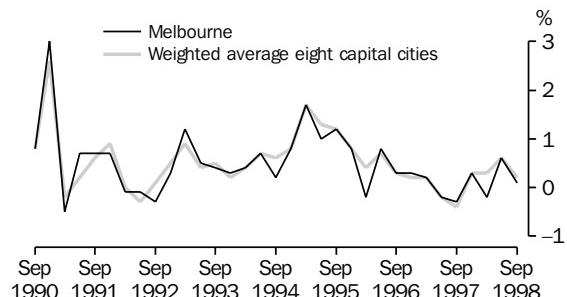
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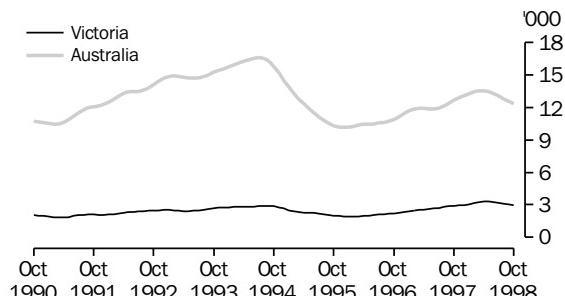
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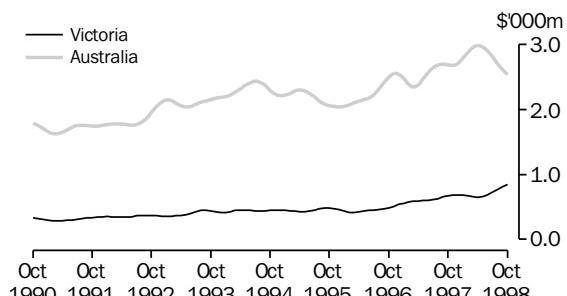
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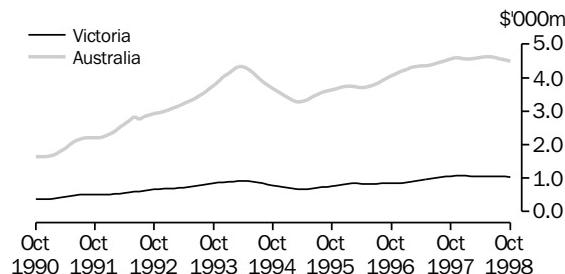
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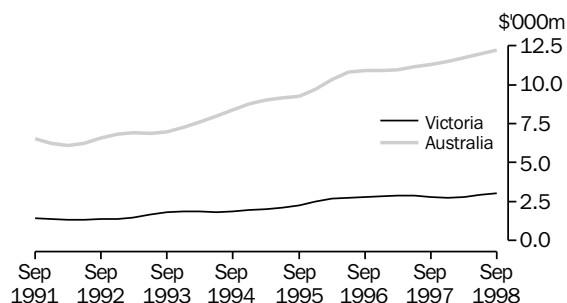
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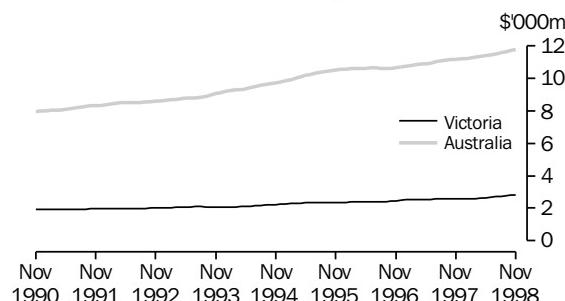
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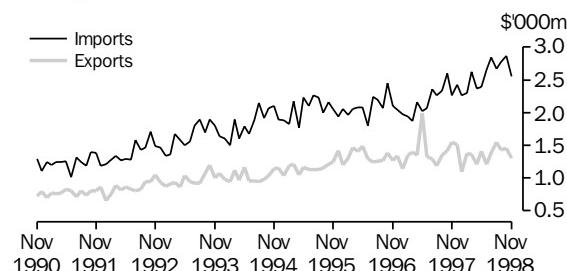
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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Increase during period		Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a)
	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000	Natural '000	Total '000	
1994–95	2 233.4	2 284.0	4 517.4	31.3	29.8	3 243.7
1995–96	2 252.6	2 307.5	4 560.2	28.5	42.8	3 283.3
1996–97	2 275.2	2 330.0	4 605.2	28.7	45.1	3 321.7
1997–98 p	2 303.7	2 357.2	4 660.9	28.8	55.7	—
1997						
March qtr	2 271.6	2 327.0	4 598.6	7.5	15.1	..
June qtr	2 275.2	2 330.0	4 605.2	6.8	6.6	..
September qtr p	2 282.1	2 336.7	4 618.7	6.4	13.5	..
December qtr p	2 286.8	2 342.1	4 628.9	7.7	10.2	..
1998						
March qtr p	2 298.0	2 352.1	4 650.1	7.8	21.2	..
June qtr p	2 303.7	2 357.2	4 660.9	6.9	10.8	..

(a) Based on the 1996 Statistical Local Area boundaries.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Registrations				Annual rate per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population				
	Deaths (including infant deaths)		Marriages	Divorces	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Infant deaths per 1,000 live births
	Births	no.	no.	no.	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate
1994–95	63 617	32 271	26 831	11 602	14.14	7.17	5.96	2.58	4.95
1995–96	61 324	32 827	26 117	12 002	13.51	7.23	5.75	2.64	5.30
1996–97	61 232	32 570	25 664	13 046	13.37	7.11	5.60	2.85	4.46
1997–98 p	61 146	32 320	25 957	11 916	13.21	6.98	5.61	2.58	4.82
1996									
December qtr	15 731	7 986	7 723	3 398	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1996	61 537	32 802	26 074	12 491	13.49	7.19	5.72	2.74	4.92
1997									
March qtr	14 941	7 472	8 101	2 810	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr	14 973	8 131	6 000	3 308	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr p	15 671	9 225	3 822	3 164	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr p	15 595	7 908	7 533	3 181	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1997 p	61 180	32 943	25 456	12 463	13.28	7.15	5.53	2.71	5.08
1998									
March qtr p	15 055	7 269	8 531	2 663	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr p	14 825	7 918	6 071	2 908	..	..	..	..	..

Source: Demography, Victoria (Cat. no. 3311.2) (annual). Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

Month	Employed		Unemployed looking for work		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population 15 years and over		Unemployment rate	Participation rate				
	Full-time Total	Total	Full-time	Part-time			Total	'000						
	'000	'000	'000	'000			'000	'000						
MALES														
1997														
September	1 037.0	1 189.1	100.8	22.6	123.5	1 312.6	471.9	1 784.5	9.4	73.6				
October	1 043.0	1 195.9	85.9	15.2	101.1	1 297.0	489.5	1 786.5	7.8	72.6				
November	1 048.8	1 194.0	89.5	15.4	104.8	1 298.8	489.6	1 788.4	8.1	72.6				
December	1 064.4	1 220.2	86.4	23.1	109.5	1 329.7	460.7	1 790.4	8.2	74.3				
1998														
January	1 054.8	1 185.7	102.0	20.4	122.4	1 308.1	484.2	1 792.2	9.4	73.0				
February	1 065.0	1 202.5	96.1	20.6	116.7	1 319.2	474.8	1 794.0	8.8	73.5				
March	1 055.8	1 206.2	97.6	19.3	116.9	1 323.1	472.7	1 795.8	8.8	73.7				
April	1 060.8	1 212.6	90.2	18.4	108.5	1 321.1	476.8	1 798.0	8.2	73.5				
May	1 060.1	1 217.7	93.7	16.0	109.7	1 327.4	472.7	1 800.1	8.3	73.7				
June	1 048.7	1 213.3	92.3	12.4	104.7	1 318.0	484.2	1 802.2	7.9	73.1				
July	1 055.8	1 212.5	89.2	13.5	102.7	1 315.2	488.8	1 804.1	7.8	72.9				
August	1 046.0	1 202.0	87.4	16.4	103.8	1 305.8	500.0	1 805.9	8.0	72.3				
September	1 069.5	1 231.2	88.0	18.3	106.3	1 337.6	470.2	1 807.7	7.9	74.0				
October	1 058.7	1 213.8	81.3	17.3	98.6	1 312.4	498.2	1 810.7	7.5	72.5				
November	1 053.1	1 214.4	83.5	13.8	97.3	1 311.7	501.9	1 813.6	7.4	72.3				
FEMALES														
1997														
September	520.4	932.9	59.1	29.0	88.1	1 021.0	841.9	1 862.9	8.6	54.8				
October	511.9	916.1	55.4	27.3	82.8	998.8	866.0	1 864.8	8.3	53.6				
November	505.6	922.1	53.2	26.5	79.7	1 001.8	865.0	1 866.8	8.0	53.7				
December	530.2	934.8	55.9	26.3	82.2	1 016.9	851.8	1 868.7	8.1	54.4				
1998														
January	513.3	893.6	60.9	28.5	89.4	983.0	887.4	1 870.5	9.1	52.6				
February	526.6	387.3	62.9	27.9	90.8	1 004.6	867.5	1 872.2	9.0	53.7				
March	520.0	925.3	61.0	32.6	93.5	1 018.9	855.0	1 873.9	9.2	54.4				
April	531.2	937.5	57.4	29.0	86.3	1 023.8	852.4	1 867.2	8.4	54.6				
May	522.7	935.1	55.3	24.4	79.6	1 014.7	863.7	1 878.4	7.8	54.0				
June	523.2	941.4	52.9	30.8	83.6	1 025.1	855.6	1 880.7	8.2	54.5				
July	535.5	940.4	53.8	28.9	82.8	1 023.2	859.4	1 882.6	8.1	54.4				
August	535.9	949.7	50.3	30.9	81.2	1 030.9	853.6	1 884.5	7.9	54.7				
September	533.3	953.2	58.2	31.8	90.1	1 043.3	843.1	1 886.4	8.6	55.3				
October	529.1	938.8	47.2	26.9	74.1	1 012.8	876.3	1 889.1	7.3	53.6				
November	518.7	936.8	49.9	27.2	77.1	1 013.8	878.0	1 891.8	7.6	53.6				
PERSONS														
1997														
September	1 557.5	2 122.1	159.9	51.7	211.6	2 333.6	1 313.8	3 647.4	9.1	64.0				
October	1 554.8	2 111.9	141.1	42.5	183.9	2 295.8	1 355.5	3 651.3	8.0	62.9				
November	1 554.4	2 116.1	142.7	41.8	184.5	2 300.6	1 354.6	3 655.2	8.0	62.9				
December	1 594.6	2 155.0	142.3	49.3	191.7	2 346.7	1 312.5	3 659.2	8.2	64.1				
1998														
January	1 568.1	2 079.3	162.8	48.9	211.8	2 291.1	1 371.6	3 662.7	9.2	62.6				
February	1 591.6	2 116.3	159.0	48.5	207.5	2 323.8	1 342.4	3 666.2	8.9	63.4				
March	1 575.8	2 131.6	158.5	51.9	210.4	2 342.0	1 327.7	3 669.7	9.0	63.8				
April	1 592.0	2 150.0	147.6	47.3	194.9	2 344.9	1 329.2	3 674.1	8.3	63.8				
May	1 582.8	2 152.8	149.0	40.3	189.3	2 342.1	1 336.4	3 678.5	8.1	63.7				
June	1 571.9	2 154.8	145.2	43.2	188.3	2 343.1	1 339.8	3 682.9	8.0	63.6				
July	1 591.3	2 152.9	143.1	42.5	185.5	2 338.4	1 348.2	3 686.7	7.9	63.4				
August	1 581.9	2 151.7	137.7	47.3	185.0	2 336.7	1 353.7	3 690.4	7.9	63.3				
September	1 602.8	2 184.5	146.2	50.2	196.4	2 380.8	1 313.3	3 694.1	8.2	64.4				
October	1 587.8	2 152.6	128.5	44.2	172.7	2 325.3	1 374.5	3 699.8	7.4	62.8				
November	1 571.8	2 151.1	133.4	41.0	174.4	2 325.5	1 379.9	3 705.4	7.5	62.8				

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

Industry division	Aug 1997 '000	Nov 1997 '000	Feb 1998 '000	May 1998 '000	Aug 1998 '000	Nov 1998 '000
MALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	58.7	55.9	68.0	62.1	52.2	51.9
Mining	*2.5	*3.2	*3.1	*3.6	*2.2	5.3
Manufacturing	249.8	250.3	247.5	242.5	245.8	243.3
Electricity, gas and water supply	13.4	9.9	11.6	12.6	13.8	11.9
Construction	110.9	115.9	121.6	128.6	127.0	131.7
Wholesale trade	—	88.0	92.1	104.6	98.9	85.5
Retail trade	150.6	158.4	159.7	150.7	151.8	164.5
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	37.0	37.6	31.9	39.4	40.7	39.6
Transport and storage	74.8	73.5	82.9	79.0	72.4	75.3
Communication services	24.5	22.4	22.1	22.2	25.0	26.3
Finance and insurance	42.8	46.3	42.3	40.0	43.5	50.1
Property and business services	130.8	130.7	130.1	134.8	148.8	147.8
Government administration and defence	29.2	38.4	37.4	36.1	35.7	31.4
Education	48.4	52.9	49.1	49.9	41.2	38.3
Health and community services	37.5	39.7	36.4	40.1	38.2	44.9
Cultural and recreational services	25.8	28.3	28.2	26.3	25.4	26.4
Personal and other services	47.0	42.5	38.3	45.5	39.2	40.1
Total	1 168.7	1 194.0	1 202.5	1 217.7	1 202.0	1 214.4
FEMALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	28.0	30.8	35.4	31.8	26.4	25.2
Mining	*0.0	*0.3	*0.3	*0.3	*0.8	*0.2
Manufacturing	93.7	107.4	95.2	97.9	95.1	91.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	*1.8	*1.9	*2.6	*2.9	*3.7	*2.5
Construction	15.0	15.8	16.5	13.6	17.5	18.1
Wholesale trade	38.1	41.5	39.5	40.6	46.4	40.3
Retail trade	150.0	157.8	160.5	156.5	155.5	160.6
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	49.0	47.9	46.3	49.3	48.9	49.6
Transport and storage	18.1	18.7	19.8	18.2	16.2	19.6
Communication services	16.8	15.9	14.2	12.4	13.8	13.2
Finance and insurance	47.8	42.2	40.5	48.1	54.5	51.0
Property and business services	107.6	101.5	105.3	108.3	108.0	111.6
Government administration and defence	39.3	41.9	34.1	35.9	40.0	40.3
Education	90.7	89.0	85.9	95.5	94.3	92.9
Health and community services	144.7	148.9	158.2	160.6	157.6	154.7
Cultural and recreational services	19.4	25.3	21.8	26.0	28.3	27.9
Personal and other services	31.4	35.0	37.9	37.1	42.6	37.5
Total	891.5	922.1	913.8	935.1	949.7	936.8
PERSONS						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	86.8	86.7	103.4	93.9	78.6	77.2
Mining	*2.5	*3.6	*3.4	*3.9	*3.1	5.5
Manufacturing	343.5	357.7	342.6	340.4	340.9	334.7
Electricity, gas and water supply	15.2	11.9	14.2	15.6	17.5	14.4
Construction	125.9	131.7	138.1	142.2	144.5	149.8
Wholesale trade	123.1	129.5	131.6	145.2	145.3	125.9
Retail trade	300.5	316.2	320.2	307.2	307.3	325.1
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	86.0	85.5	78.1	88.7	89.6	89.3
Transport and storage	92.9	92.2	102.8	97.2	88.6	94.9
Communication services	41.3	38.3	36.3	34.6	38.8	39.5
Finance and insurance	90.6	88.5	82.8	88.1	98.0	101.1
Property and business services	238.5	232.2	235.4	243.0	256.8	259.3
Government administration and defence	68.5	80.3	71.5	72.0	75.8	71.7
Education	139.0	142.0	135.0	145.4	135.5	131.2
Health and community services	182.2	188.6	194.6	200.7	195.8	199.6
Cultural and recreational services	45.2	53.6	50.0	52.3	53.8	54.3
Personal and other services	78.4	77.6	76.2	82.6	81.8	77.7
Total	2 060.2	2 116.1	2 116.3	2 152.8	2 151.7	2 151.1

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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JOB VACANCIES

Month	Vacancies all persons	Industry		Sector		Job vacancy rate
		Manufacturing	Other	Public	Private	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
1997						
May	11.5	*2.1	9.4	1.9	9.6	0.66
August	17.4	1.5	15.8	2.4	*14.9	0.97
November	*17.9	1.1	*16.8	2.3	*15.6	*0.97
1998						
February	24.0	*2.5	21.5	1.8	*22.1	1.20
May	20.2	2.2	18.0	1.5	18.7	1.00
August	17.6	0.8	16.8	1.9	15.7	0.84

Source: Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0) (quarterly). Quarterly Survey of Job Vacancies and Overtime (Unpublished data).

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Month	Disputes		Employees involved				Working days lost		
	Beginning in period	Total	Beginning in period	Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Education, health, community services	Other industries	Total
	no.	no.	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1997									
July	11	14	9.0	9.4	2.3	0.5	—	7.2	10.0
August	11	14	1.9	4.0	0.2	0.9	0.3	4.0	5.4
September	14	18	4.8	7.3	11.2	1.0	0.1	6.0	18.3
October	10	12	52.8	53.7	33.7	18.6	1.2	6.6	60.1
November	8	13	22.1	46.6	18.9	10.4	14.8	2.0	46.0
December	6	11	4.0	17.2	9.4	3.7	—	4.2	17.3
1998									
January	5	7	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.5
February	8	10	17.2	17.6	7.8	1.3	14.3	4.0	27.4
March	6	11	5.7	14.1	5.4	14.7	4.4	0.5	25.0
April	11	17	6.3	9.1	2.6	4.0	0.5	0.7	7.8
May	5	7	42.1	55.7	15.1	23.1	13.9	1.3	53.4
June	8	10	3.0	19.5	0.2	17.7	0.0	0.4	18.3
July	14	18	3.5	4.3	5.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	6.1
August	r 14	r 15	r 12.3	r 12.5	r 0.3	2.9	2.0	6.7	r 11.9
September	19	22	14.0	16.0	12.4	5.3	2.3	1.8	21.8

Source: Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0) (monthly).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
1997									
May	736.90	789.10	676.20	618.50	636.70	453.90	693.90	733.80	572.70
August	754.20	812.70	695.20	625.80	643.40	460.40	708.10	751.90	587.20
November	748.50	807.60	714.90	632.90	653.10	463.60	708.10	753.60	600.60
1998									
February	762.20	823.10	722.00	634.90	650.70	477.70	716.80	761.60	610.40
May	767.60	825.30	701.50	646.30	660.40	470.40	724.80	767.00	596.30
August	770.90	826.30	704.30	650.20	662.70	475.60	728.00	768.20	600.90

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0) (quarterly).

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MELBOURNE

Melbourne

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups		Weighted average of eight capital cities—All groups
1995–96	114.1	108.0	101.4	113.0	122.6	154.2	148.7	120.3	118.4	118.7	
1996–97	118.6	108.4	95.0	114.7	124.0	158.5	157.1	123.3	119.9	120.3	
1997–98	120.5	108.9	86.5	115.0	123.3	161.4	162.2	127.6	119.8	120.3	
1997											
June qtr	119.6	108.4	90.1	115.0	123.8	159.4	162.7	124.8	119.9	120.2	
September qtr	119.8	108.5	88.7	114.6	124.6	158.6	157.3	126.0	119.5	119.7	
December qtr	119.7	109.2	86.9	115.4	124.4	161.2	162.2	126.2	119.8	120.0	
1998											
March qtr	120.7	109.0	84.1	115.1	122.1	162.0	163.6	129.4	119.6	120.3	
June qtr	121.6	108.9	86.2	115.1	122.0	163.9	165.8	128.8	120.3	121.0	
September qtr	123.6	108.9	85.3	115.3	121.0	165.0	166.7	128.4	120.4	121.3	

Note: Base of each group: year 1989–90=100.0

Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING—MELBOURNE

1998

Group	1995–96	1996–97	1997–98	Mar qtr	Jun qtr	Sep qtr	Weighted average of six state capital cities—Sep qtr	
							1998	1998
House building								
All groups	115.4	115.3	117.1	117.6	118.0	118.6		119.4
Other than house building								
Structural timber	116.1	110.1	115.6	115.8	116.8	118.3		125.8
Clay bricks	112.1	113.1	117.9	119.6	119.7	119.7		117.9
Ready mix concrete	118.6	111.5	111.4	111.5	111.3	112.4		107.0
Precast concrete products	108.1	110.3	115.7	115.0	123.5	123.6		123.4
Steel decking and cladding	109.9	109.2	109.4	108.3	108.3	108.3		114.7
Structural steel	100.9	104.2	104.9	104.7	104.8	104.8		113.3
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	102.7	100.7	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.3		110.7
Aluminium windows	100.8	100.6	100.0	99.2	99.7	99.7		109.8
Fabricated steel products	113.1	116.7	120.0	120.6	120.6	124.6		117.4
Builders' hardware	114.5	116.5	119.6	119.8	120.3	121.4		122.2
Sand and aggregate	114.6	115.9	116.3	116.0	116.4	119.6		121.7
Carpet	101.6	101.6	102.6	102.9	101.5	101.9		103.3
Paint and other coatings	141.2	145.8	144.7	143.5	148.3	148.6		138.5
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	112.2	111.5	113.0	110.2	109.4	109.4		134.0
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	109.7	110.0	111.0	110.9	111.5	112.0		114.5
All electrical materials	119.4	112.0	109.8	110.3	108.6	108.6		115.6
All mechanical services	114.1	115.0	114.9	114.6	115.2	116.2		116.7
All plumbing materials	118.9	120.1	122.8	122.8	122.3	123.0		128.4
All groups	111.1	110.9	111.4	111.4	111.8	112.4		114.8

Note: Base of each index: year 1989–90=100.0.

Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0) (quarterly). Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0) (quarterly).

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
Period	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1995–96	1 523.6	589.8	2 488.0	5 897.7	1 142.1
1996–97	1 675.9	697.3	2 806.6	5 978.9	1 197.3
1997–98	1 797.2	769.9	3 375.7	6 287.9	1 364.6
1997					
August	132.2	185.5	195.8	452.2	104.2
September	129.4	178.5	234.5	537.6	108.1
October	147.3	80.0	322.7	582.7	107.9
November	140.6	28.3	310.1	565.1	98.9
December	163.9	11.8	340.5	583.1	115.7
1998					
January	165.3	11.1	339.3	539.2	104.7
February	159.4	8.3	419.6	473.3	102.4
March	159.4	21.2	365.5	506.8	120.4
April	163.2	33.7	268.6	547.4	120.8
May	141.2	41.9	183.5	478.4	128.3
June	146.9	64.4	203.1	481.0	134.5
July	156.2	106.4	219.8	581.4	135.1
August	122.6	164.1	190.5	538.7	121.3
September	141.1	174.3	216.0	619.2	118.1
October	165.8	113.1	259.4	584.0	116.1

Source: Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998) Unpublished data.

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MEAT PRODUCTION

Period	tonnes	Meat (carcass weight)			
		Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb
1995–96	348 649	12 009	50 910	110 172	83 052
1996–97	373 818	14 293	55 545	111 403	85 872
1997–98	388 958	15 627	65 677	117 637	99 304
1997					
August	28 256	3 658	3 773	8 498	7 596
September	28 241	3 565	4 663	10 001	7 943
October	31 971	1 618	6 521	10 759	8 003
November	30 971	638	6 189	10 558	7 211
December	35 616	286	6 861	11 001	8 100
1998					
January	35 728	281	6 505	10 135	7 577
February	35 579	205	8 193	8 753	7 393
March	35 112	453	6 995	9 348	8 702
April	34 408	705	4 872	10 294	8 840
May	30 084	839	3 500	9 114	9 310
June	31 220	1 318	3 873	9 063	10 035
July	34 634	2 035	4 318	11 151	10 106
August	27 301	3 230	3 785	10 331	8 814
September	31 548	3 419	4 388	11 911	8 692
October	37 422	2 243	5 396	11 297	8 759

Source: Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998) (Unpublished data).

Period	New dwelling units(a)										Non-residential building(b)		
	Private sector			Public sector			Total(c)			Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building(b)		
							Conversions etc.(d)				Private sector	Total	Total all building
no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION													
1995–96	15 676	1 624.3	1 068	86.5	16 744	1 710.8	617	467.2	1 352.5	1 934.5	4 112.5		
1996–97	19 670	2 185.2	447	35.7	20 117	2 221.0	1 189	592.3	1 527.1	2 303.0	5 116.2		
1997–98	26 500	3 027.1	723	56.0	27 223	3 083.1	1 029	701.2	2 168.2	2 593.0	6 377.3		
1997													
August	2 490	256.0	78	7.4	2 568	263.4	55	54.2	122.8	142.0	459.7		
September	2 174	241.9	61	4.2	2 235	246.1	222	68.5	173.5	192.1	506.7		
October	1 807	203.9	77	7.0	1 884	210.9	64	69.0	180.0	238.3	518.2		
November	2 451	291.8	71	4.9	2 522	296.7	52	49.1	195.8	213.6	559.5		
December	2 072	232.1	71	6.1	2 143	238.2	60	43.6	440.7	450.6	732.3		
1998													
January	1 858	230.9	23	1.5	1 881	232.4	74	44.2	174.2	203.1	479.7		
February	2 034	219.8	25	2.0	2 059	221.8	65	56.1	137.7	165.8	443.6		
March	2 633	288.4	11	0.7	2 644	289.1	77	69.3	104.0	117.6	476.0		
April	2 487	297.1	55	3.7	2 542	300.7	47	66.1	172.9	254.2	621.0		
May	2 247	267.8	122	9.3	2 369	277.1	224	72.9	223.9	265.6	615.5		
June	2 237	279.3	91	7.4	2 328	286.7	64	57.1	110.6	173.9	517.7		
July	2 225	257.0	45	3.0	2 270	260.0	134	62.7	142.1	162.2	484.9		
August	2 376	290.3	51	4.2	2 427	294.5	192	69.5	314.2	335.2	699.2		
September	2 334	282.3	33	2.3	2 367	284.7	77	66.7	192.7	246.1	597.5		
October	2 286	300.4	74	5.0	2 360	305.4	51	69.6	216.5	457.2	832.3		
TOTAL VICTORIA													
1995–96	21 643	2 171.1	1 401	108.7	23 044	2 279.7	663	590.1	1 721.6	2 452.4	5 322.3		
1996–97	26 014	2 793.3	596	46.7	26 610	2 839.9	1 240	728.5	1 879.7	2 839.8	6 408.2		
1997–98	34 178	3 811.3	1 171	88.6	35 349	3 899.8	1 089	858.5	2 476.9	3 064.5	7 822.8		
1997													
August	3 084	316.0	79	7.7	3 163	323.7	57	65.7	159.5	184.5	573.9		
September	2 824	307.6	113	7.2	2 937	314.8	225	83.6	209.9	242.2	640.6		
October	2 505	273.8	112	9.2	2 617	283.0	64	84.4	204.8	279.2	646.7		
November	3 083	354.6	110	7.5	3 193	362.1	54	60.1	213.5	247.3	669.5		
December	2 675	293.5	90	7.9	2 765	301.4	65	55.6	456.7	470.2	827.2		
1998													
January	2 305	278.0	57	3.7	2 362	281.7	77	56.7	201.7	234.1	572.6		
February	2 620	278.5	71	6.0	2 691	284.5	66	67.3	158.3	222.6	574.5		
March	3 413	369.6	49	3.4	3 462	373.0	84	83.1	129.9	148.5	604.6		
April	3 154	363.8	110	7.2	3 264	371.0	49	77.8	201.2	302.7	751.5		
May	2 942	341.0	159	12.6	3 101	353.6	255	89.9	243.4	292.3	735.7		
June	3 010	359.2	179	13.8	3 189	373.0	66	71.3	136.4	213.0	657.3		
July	2 850	321.5	75	4.8	2 925	326.3	138	72.9	174.0	196.7	595.9		
August	3 000	355.6	67	5.3	3 067	360.9	196	78.6	340.5	366.4	806.0		
September	3 192	372.8	48	3.4	3 240	376.2	85	80.7	230.6	302.2	759.0		
October	2 921	368.0	103	7.2	3 024	375.3	55	85.0	242.2	491.2	951.4		

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(c) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(d) Dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

Source: Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (monthly).

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NEW HOUSES AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

Period	New houses				New other residential buildings			
	Approved	Commenced	Under	Completed	Approved	Commenced	Under	Completed
			Construction				Construction	
1995–96	18 889	19 399	8 066	21 883	4 155	4 276	3 906	3 086
1996–97	19 805	18 652	8 937	17 613	6 805	6 047	4 151	5 727
1997–98	27 937	25 947	12 503	22 271	7 412	7 509	5 095	6 497
1997								
March qtr	4 924	4 597	8 176	3 997	1 874	1 560	4 046	1 553
June qtr	5 794	5 463	8 937	4 687	1 531	1 527	4 151	1 400
September qtr	6 732	5 717	9 537	5 102	1 973	1 822	3 874	2 036
December qtr	6 821	7 088	10 720	5 842	1 754	1 958	4 104	1 725
1998								
March qtr	6 577	6 034	11 512	5 242	1 938	1 924	4 806	1 220
June qtr	7 807	7 108	12 503	6 085	1 747	1 805	5 095	1 516

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

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VALUE OF BUILDING

Period	Residential buildings			Non-residential buildings						
	New	Alterations and additions	Shops	Factories	Offices	Education		Health	Other	Total
						\$m	\$m			
COMMENCED										
1995–96	2 486.2	679.7	444.3	249.2	393.5	330	108.4	953.5	5 644.8	
1996–97	2 692.2	761	348.2	343.8	508.5	410.3	303.6	1 003.3	6 371.1	
1997–98	3 817	890.6	577.8	240	426.2	269.1	247.4	1 383	7 851.1	
1997										
March qtr	666.8	188.9	88.3	93.2	114	59.4	48.5	228.4	1 487.5	
June qtr	789.7	235	97.2	74.4	104.3	214.1	103.4	369.6	1 987.6	
September qtr	845.8	228.4	80.4	58.3	123.8	55.2	46.1	245.8	1 683.7	
December qtr	1 050.3	223.9	124.6	84.3	93.8	70.6	93.9	601.3	2 342.4	
1998										
March qtr	870.9	187.0	134.1	54.1	91.8	65.7	42.6	327.7	1 774.0	
June qtr	1 050.0	251.4	238.7	43.3	116.8	77.7	64.9	208.3	2 051.0	
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD										
1995–96	1 472.5	339.4	235.5	141.4	139.2	248.1	123.9	1 390.9	4 091.0	
1996–97	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6	
1997–98	2 263.5	420.5	393.5	143.2	240.0	318.8	277.4	1 456.9	5 513.7	
1997										
March qtr	1 456.0	309.3	237.7	227.1	228.6	188.1	172.5	1 801.3	4 620.4	
June qtr	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6	
September qtr	1 669.2	388.8	175.4	167.4	193.9	343.2	245.6	920.7	4 104.1	
December qtr	1 836.8	399.4	185.5	160.1	195.5	365.7	303.5	1 304.1	4 750.6	
1998										
March qtr	2 040.0	366.6	210.4	157.6	208.5	307.4	244.8	1 442.2	4 977.5	
June qtr	2 263.5	420.5	393.5	143.2	240.0	318.8	277.4	1 456.9	5 513.7	
COMPLETED										
1995–96	2 489.6	689.0	715.1	249.9	514.1	302.2	234.7	844.4	6 038.9	
1996–97	2 617.6	768.5	364.8	295.6	404.0	342.0	194.6	1 106.7	6 093.8	
1997–98	3 194.6	860.4	467.4	336.2	448.7	282.9	207.9	1 732.6	7 530.7	
1997										
March qtr	616.3	168.6	121.2	56.9	100.5	88.1	34.8	271.0	1 457.4	
June qtr	684.7	195.3	52.0	86.5	104.6	95.0	41.5	439.9	1 699.5	
September qtr	775.5	202.9	193.1	114.5	169.9	30.8	39.6	1 101.1	2 627.5	
December qtr	886.3	219.3	114.6	94.8	102.1	53.7	39.3	236.9	1 747.1	
1998										
March qtr	681.2	227.7	99.6	61.9	85.6	131.1	96.8	201.6	1 585.7	
June qtr	851.6	210.5	60.1	65.0	91.0	67.2	32.1	192.8	1 570.4	

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

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PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Selected industries				Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ACTUAL						
1996-97	758	3 447	7 290	11 496	3 379	8 117
1997-98 r	834	3 401	6 810	11 045	2 858	8 186
1997						
September qtr	164	775	1 563	2 502	694	1 807
December qtr	295	906	1 898	3 099	784	2 314
1998						
March qtr	163	756	1 527	2 446	615	1 831
June qtr r	212	965	1 822	2 999	765	2 234
September qtr	319	893	1 905	3 117	951	2 167
EXPECTED						
1997-98	1 265	3 244	6 263	10 772	2 997	7 775
1998-99	872	2 400	5 644	8 915	3 038	5 877

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0) (quarterly).

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Month	Fixed loan facilities						Type of lender			
	Construction	Purchase of real property	Purchase of plant and equipment	Wholesale	Other	Total	Revolving credit facilities	Total commitments	Banks	
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
1997										
August	98.8	411.9	168.5	93.7	692.8	1 465.7	2 193.6	3 659.3	2 827.0	832.3
September	153.7	500.3	179.2	124.4	583.9	1 541.6	2 560.3	4 101.9	3 545.9	556.0
October	93.0	549.4	279.7	222.0	471.8	1 615.9	2 512.8	4 128.7	3 180.7	948.0
November	77.4	463.8	138.3	81.2	525.1	1 285.9	1 475.9	2 761.9	2 279.0	482.9
December	167.1	539.6	164.7	123.8	1 729.9	2 725.0	1 862.3	4 587.3	3 996.0	591.3
1998										
January	76.8	483.4	121.9	83.1	372.7	1 137.8	1 359.6	2 497.4	2 154.8	342.6
February	116.4	425.5	119.7	118.4	722.3	1 502.3	2 150.7	3 653.0	2 757.5	895.5
March	220.0	446.7	161.1	91.2	505.5	1 424.6	1 773.0	3 197.7	2 508.2	689.5
April	75.1	418.1	121.5	90.5	744.2	1 449.3	2 033.0	3 482.4	2 496.7	985.6
May	124.6	489.7	117.5	157.3	1 263.6	2 152.7	1 592.5	3 745.2	3 129.8	615.4
June	r 100.3	628.8	r 140.0	115.5	r 1 154.9	r 2 139.5	r 1 440.2	r 3 579.8	r 3 085.4	r 494.4
July	112.8	527.1	r 156.0	100.2	1 112.3	r 2 008.4	2 243.1	r 4 251.5	3 570.6	r 680.9
August	87.4	391.1	r 113.9	169.3	451.3	r 1 212.9	2 182.6	r 3 395.5	2 912.4	r 483.1
September	113.1	461.6	r 185.7	78.8	713.8	r 1 552.9	r 1 488.9	r 3 041.8	r 2 438.0	r 603.8
October	85.8	461.6	181.3	91.0	439.9	1 259.6	2 389.8	3 649.5	2 889.8	759.7

Source: ABS Time Series Service (AUSSTATS).

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

Month	Original series		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1997						
August	r 9 890	1 031	r 9 944	r 1 053	r 9 863	r 1 023
September	10 063	1 060	r 10 139	r 1 046	r 9 937	r 1 042
October	10 529	1 109	r 9 906	r 1 045	10 025	r 1 058
November	9 583	1 019	r 10 212	r 1 084	r 10 088	r 1 068
December	10 192	1 090	r 10 095	r 1 068	r 10 089	r 1 068
1998						
January	8 187	878	r 9 998	r 1 064	r 10 053	r 1 063
February	9 961	1 028	r 10 141	r 1 069	r 10 026	r 1 058
March	10 197	1 080	r 9 846	r 1 035	r 10 029	r 1 057
April	9 780	1 011	r 9 875	r 1 035	r 10 025	r 1 058
May	9 986	1 063	r 10 019	r 1 062	r 9 988	r 1 058
June	11 123	1 183	r 10 355	r 1 098	r 9 907	r 1 057
July	10 629	1 155	r 9 819	r 1 067	r 9 784	r 1 053
August	9 249	1 013	r 9 311	r 1 014	r 9 641	r 1 046
September	r 9 637	1 041	r 9 418	r 1 021	r 9 506	r 1 039
October	9 646	1 060	9 435	1 046	9 382	1 033

Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

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RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1997								
September	1 047.4	226.6	154.5	325.6	151.8	272.5	304.9	2 483.2
October	1 124.7	232.6	168.7	372.2	162.6	271.4	328.4	2 660.6
November	1 101.1	272.3	178.6	373.3	169.4	264.6	320.6	2 679.9
December	1 256.5	465.3	245.5	482.2	250.5	383.4	371.9	3 455.3
1998								
January	1 128.9	214.2	155.6	320.1	158.6	254.7	339.4	2 571.5
February	1 022.6	174.2	134.6	280.6	142.7	236.5	297.0	2 288.3
March	1 085.9	208.9	163.8	300.6	150.8	272.9	339.1	2 522.0
April	1 079.1	246.6	189.2	288.6	139.6	281.7	340.2	2 565.1
May	1 093.9	238.9	198.6	304.9	137.6	271.5	344.5	2 589.8
June	1 054.9	211.7	183.6	298.0	135.8	264.8	324.3	2 473.1
July	1 144.1	255.2	200.4	312.9	151.8	284.7	348.5	2 697.6
August	1 118.3	213.4	180.8	303.6	161.5	283.8	357.3	2 618.6
September	1 113.8	228.5	184.4	319.7	167.9	288.7	356.8	2 659.9
October	1 201.4	r 251.6	193.4	339.5	166.8	315.9	372.5	r 2 841.2
November	1 158.7	285.6	210.9	323.9	176.9	325.3	367.9	2 849.2

Source: *Retail Trade, Australia* (Cat. no. 8501.0) (monthly).

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, BY SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS

Section	1997–98		5 months ending November 1998	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food	1 171	3 604	549	1 647
1 Beverages and tobacco	127	159	62	78
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)	566	1 867	261	568
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	783	938	464	270
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	92	111	46	45
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.	2 958	915	1 317	397
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material	r 4 311	2 366	2 004	1 052
7 Machinery and transport equipment	r 12 438	2 970	5 794	1 254
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5 007	r 978	2 507	432
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c	r 1 397	2 026	704	1 354
Total	r 28 851	15 933	13 707	7 097

Source: *Foreign Trade Australia: Fasttracs Database*.

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OVERSEAS TRADE, MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS(a)

Country	1996–97		1997–98		5 months ending November 1998	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Belgium-Luxembourg	242	66	243	91	104	52
Brazil	125	81	134	76	48	27
Canada	394	123	r 390	122	161	52
China	1 755	658	2 154	624	1 194	212
Fiji	119	236	133	245	74	89
Finland	169	8	193	12	79	4
France	711	162	631	168	262	58
Germany	1 923	r 280	2 116	268	1 020	160
Hong Kong	267	812	r 338	1 073	255	363
India	231	239	256	188	129	90
Indonesia	507	428	637	325	585	84
Italy	832	320	963	396	452	117
Japan	3 097	1 523	3 847	1 683	1 807	713
Korea, Republic of	671	2 098	882	1 039	375	293
Malaysia	508	669	668	517	367	164
Mexico	64	52	80	77	37	43
Netherlands	237	r 39	254	81	130	45
New Zealand	1 247	2 140	1 311	1 552	581	682
Pakistan	75	55	97	87	40	13
Papua New Guinea	232	269	r 163	235	19	88
Philippines	108	372	135	388	70	167
Saudi Arabia	203	168	107	210	42	103
Singapore	468	893	492	989	203	317
South Africa	100	292	147	272	57	100
Sweden	502	65	585	41	231	13
Switzerland	241	66	277	24	145	14
Taiwan	792	696	852	r 655	412	391
Thailand	335	412	400	341	205	140
United Kingdom	1 635	416	1 694	454	868	899
United States of America	5 944	958	7 027	1 603	2 954	604
Other and unknown	1 359	r 1 710	r 1645	2 097	801	1 000
Total	25 093	16 306	r 28 851	15 933	13 707	7 097

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: *Overseas Trade: Fasttracs Database*.

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VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE—VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Period	Victoria			Australia		
	Imports \$m	Exports \$m	Excess of exports \$m	Imports \$m	Exports (including re-exports) \$m	Excess of exports \$m
1995–96	24 663	15 410	-9 253	77 792	76 005	-1 787
1996–97	25 093	16 306	-8 787	78 998	78 932	-66
1997–98	r 28 851	15 933	r -12 918	r 90 685	r 87 770	r -2 915
1997						
September	2 338	1 344	-994	7 355	7 205	-150
October	2 604	r 1 420	r -1 184	7 944	7 628	-316
November	2 263	1 541	-722	7 184	7 635	451
December	2 425	1 509	-916	7 915	7 822	-93
1998						
January	2 268	1 093	-1 175	7 109	6 304	-805
February	2 294	1 377	-917	6 956	6 669	-287
March	2 618	1 356	-1 262	8 188	7 311	-877
April	2 367	1 213	-1 154	7 446	r 7 198	r -248
May	r 2 391	1 402	r -989	r 7 657	r 7 949	r 292
June	2 657	1 209	-1 448	r 8 466	7 732	r -734
July	r 2 841	1 379	r -1 462	r 8 906	r 7 471	r -1 435
August	2 669	1 541	-1 128	r 8 148	r 7 749	r -399
September	r 2 771	1 429	r -1 342	r 8 545	r 7 599	r -946
October r	2 871	1 448	-1 423	9 008	7 822	-1 186
November	2 556	1 299	-1 257	8 540	7 282	-1 258

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttracs Database.

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Quarter ended	Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(a)						
	Establishments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate	Persons employed	Takings from accommodation
	no.	no.	no.	'000	%	no.	\$'000
1997							
June	650	27 170	75 353	1 365.9	55.7	22 630	145 443
September	663	27 476	76 123	1 410.1	55.8	22 746	160 195
December	661	27 616	76 010	1 484.0	58.4	21 478	164 141
1998							
March	668	28 603	77 836	1 534.1	60.1	21 322	175 596
June	669	28 850	78 637	1 415.7	53.9	20 754	153 243
September	676	29 404	80 902	1 464.3	54.4	20 776	169 966

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0).

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